



LAKE GENEVA YOUTH CAMP

THE GOSPEL:**The Greatest Victory in The Great Race**

Imagine you are in The Great Race—but there's a big problem. No matter how hard you try, you can't reach the finish line on your own. There are obstacles in the way—sin (the wrong things we do) keeps us from reaching God.

But here's the good news: Jesus, the perfect Son of God, entered the race for us! He never sinned, but He took our place, paying the price for our mistakes when He died on the cross. Three days later, He rose from the dead, defeating sin and death forever.

Now, because of Jesus, we don't have to lose the race. When we trust in Him, He forgives us, gives us a new heart, and promises that we will cross the finish line into eternal life with Him. The victory is already won!

All we have to do is:

Admit that we are sinners and need Jesus.
Believe that Jesus died and rose again to save us.
Commit to following Him as the leader of our life.

When we do this, we become part of God's race team, running with Him every day until we reach the finish line—eternal life with Jesus!

Are you ready to join The Great Race and follow Jesus? The checkered flag is waiting—say YES to Him today!

DAY 1: THE STARTING LINE

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1 – “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Every race has a starting line. Before a driver can speed off, they have to be in position, ready to go when the signal turns green.

Your faith journey has a starting line too—when you choose to follow Jesus. If you've already made that decision, that's amazing! But following Jesus isn't just a one-time event—it's a lifetime commitment. Every day, you wake up and decide to keep running toward Him. This race takes perseverance, faith, and focus.

Are you ready to run?

Questions to Think About:

1. When did you first start following Jesus?
2. What does it mean to run the race of faith every day?
3. What are some things that might distract you from running after Jesus?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for calling me into this race. Help me to stay focused on You, to run with perseverance, and to trust Your path for my life. Amen.

DAY 2: GET RID OF WHAT SLOWS YOU DOWN

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1b – “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Imagine trying to race while carrying a backpack full of bricks. No matter how fast you are, the weight would slow you down.

The Bible says that sin weighs us down in our race toward Jesus. Things like lying, gossiping, jealousy, and disobedience can trip us up. But God doesn't want us to run with extra baggage—He calls us to let go of sin and trust Him to help us run freely.

What's slowing you down?

Questions to Think About:

1. What are some sins or distractions that might be keeping you from growing closer to Jesus?
2. How can you “throw off” those things and move forward?
3. Why is it important to ask God for help when dealing with sin?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me to let go of anything that is keeping me from running toward You. I want to run this race free from sin and with my eyes on You. Amen.

DAY 3: STAY ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He will make your paths straight.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

A race car driver follows a set track. If they take a wrong turn, they crash or get lost.

God has a path for your life too. When we trust Him, He guides us in the right direction. But when we ignore Him and do things our own way, we can find ourselves in a mess. God's track is the best way to live, but it requires trust.

Will you follow where He leads?

Questions to Think About:

1. What does it mean to trust God with your whole heart?
2. Have you ever made a bad decision because you ignored God's guidance?
3. How can you stay on the right track and follow God's plan for your life?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to trust You with my whole heart. Guide my steps and keep me on the right track so I can run my race well. Amen.

DAY 4: REFUEL WITH GOD'S WORD!

Scripture: Matthew 4:4 - "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Race cars need fuel to keep going. Without gas, they'll stop in the middle of the track.

Your spiritual life needs fuel too! The Bible is like high-powered racing fuel—it gives you the wisdom and strength to keep going. When you spend time in God's Word, pray, and worship, you are filling up on what you need to run the race well. But if you ignore your time with God, you'll run on empty.

Are you fueling your faith?

Questions to Think About:

1. How much time do you spend in God's Word?
2. What happens when we don't fuel up spiritually?
3. What is one thing you can do today to spend more time with God?

Prayer:

God, I need Your Word to fuel me. Help me to spend time reading the Bible and praying so I can run my race with strength. Amen.

DAY 5: STAY IN YOUR LANE!

Scripture: Galatians 6:4 - "Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else."

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

In a race, drivers focus on their own lane. If they keep looking at the other racers, they could crash or lose focus.

Sometimes, we compare ourselves to others—how they look, what they have, how popular they are. But God made you unique! He has a specific race for you, and you don't need to be like anyone else. Stay in your lane and run your race for God!

Questions to Think About:

1. Have you ever struggled with comparing yourself to others?
2. Why is it important to focus on your relationship with Jesus instead of others'?
3. How can you remind yourself that God made you special and unique?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me to focus on my own race and not compare myself to others. I want to run my race for You alone. Amen.

DAY 6: KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE FINISH LINE

Scripture: Philippians 3:14 – “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

A race car driver keeps their eyes on the finish line. If they get distracted, they slow down or crash.

As Christians, our finish line is eternal life with Jesus. When life gets hard, we keep pressing forward, knowing He is worth it. No matter what challenges you face, don't quit! Fix your eyes on Jesus and keep going.

Questions to Think About:

1. What are some things that might distract you from following Jesus?
2. How can you stay focused on your faith when life gets tough?
3. What does it mean to run your race with perseverance?

Prayer:

God, help me to keep my eyes on You and not get distracted. I want to run my race with faith and endurance. Amen.

DAY 7: VICTORY IS WON!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:57 – “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

At the end of a race, the winner gets a trophy. But in The Great Race of Faith, Jesus has already won the victory for us!

Jesus defeated sin and death on the cross. When we follow Him, we are already victorious. The best prize we could ever win is eternal life with Him! Keep running, because the victory is already yours!

Questions to Think About:

1. Why is Jesus the greatest victory?
2. What does it mean to live with Jesus forever?
3. How can we share this good news with others?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for winning the victory for me! Help me to run my race with joy and finish strong. Amen!

AFTER CAMP RESOURCES:

Keep Racing with Jesus!

The Great Race doesn't end when camp is over—it's just the beginning!

At camp, you learned how to run the race of faith by trusting Jesus, staying on His path, and keeping your eyes on Him. Now that you're back home, the race continues! Just like a race car needs fuel, a track, and a team, you need the Bible, prayer, and Christian friends to keep going strong.

How to Stay in the Race:

- Refuel Daily – Read your Bible and pray to keep your heart full of God's truth.
- Stay on Track – Follow Jesus by making good choices and obeying His Word.
- Race with a Team – Stay connected to church, youth group, and Christian friends.
- Keep Your Eyes on the Prize – Remember, the goal is to know Jesus more and follow Him every day!

Your Challenge: Keep Running Strong!

Camp may be over, but your faith journey is not. Visit our After Camp Resource Page ([link](#)) for devotionals, Bible reading plans, and ways to stay connected with Jesus.

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